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Homeland Security Division: Kittitas Ferry Weapon Brandishing

Mukilteo — On November 15, 2017 at approximately 7:42 am, Vessel and Terminal Security Troopers (VATS) responded to a call of a weapon brandishing that occurred in Clinton, WA. and aboard the Washington State Ferry Kittitas.

The initial call was that a subject had brandished a weapon toward a juvenile. It was determined by troopers at the scene that it was a large kitchen knife that was displayed after a confrontation. Troopers were able to quickly identify and detain the suspect to end any threat to the victim, ferry patrons and WSP personnel. The suspect was identified as a 39 year old male, who allegedly brandished the knife to a juvenile as a result of a theft accusation made against the juvenile. The incident began at the Clinton dock. The weapon brandishing occurred in Island county waters, during the sailing.

After a search of the suspect, no weapon was located. There was a knife found aboard the Kittitas in the men's restroom, which matched the description. The investigation continues and once completed, charges will be forwarded to the Island County Prosecutor for review.

There was an approximate thirty (30) minute delay to ferry service while the investigation was conducted.

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